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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 30, 2012**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on May 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Assistant Superintendent Ryan and Mr. Henneous. Mr. McNamee, Mr. Tedeschi and Mr. Milazzo were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:40 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

## **1. Teacher of the Year.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan announced that each year, the Department of Education recognizes teachers from schools and a teacher of the year is selected. Applications are submitted and the screening committee for each district reviews the applications. He next read the names of the individuals on the screening committee. Next, the teacher selected from each school was presented a certificate and received recognition and applause. Mr. Ryan continued by reading a quote from the successful candidate for teacher of the year, Shauna Pelletier. Ms. Pelletier was presented with a plaque and received recognition and applause.**

## **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the May 18, 2012 Monthly Financial Report. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-05-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the May 18, 2012 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **3. Home Schooling Requests.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Requests by Jennifer & Vivian Sendling-Ortiz for Zoe Sendling-Ortiz – Grade 3 and Tracy McGloine for Alexandra McGloine – Grade 9. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 12-05-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the home schooling requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.**

#### **4. Field Trips.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan read the Field Trip Requests and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Requests. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-05-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **5. 2013 Capital Expenditures.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the 2013 Capital Expenditures as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the 2013 Capital Expenditures as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **6. Connecting For Children & Families Agreement Extension.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of the Connecting For Children & Families Agreement Extension as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Connecting For Children & Families Agreement Extension as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**The Chair announced that Mr. Palmieri is not present at the meeting due to a family illness.**

## **1. Teacher Recognition.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recognized Michael Cicerone for being named by the Rhode Island Section of the American Chemical Society as Outstanding Chemistry Teacher for 2012.**

**Next, the Chair offered a very special presentation to Mrs. Reall for her completion of the RI Association of School Committees Leadership Development Program. Mrs. Reall added that she is a lifelong learner. The Chair added that Mrs. Reall has been on the School Committee for twenty years and that she has worked very hard on the development program. Mrs. Reall was presented with recognition and received applause and congratulations.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan next recognized Kathleen Lisi and Linda Parente for their literary efforts as mentioned by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.**

**Budget Re: Review of Secretarial Duties – Mr. Palmieri.**

**This item was taken off the Agenda.**

## **2. Science Projects for Elementary Schools – Mr. Palmieri.**

**This matter was taken off the Agenda.**

## **3. Building Committee Report – Mr. Palmieri.**

**The Chair asked Mr. Milazzo to speak about the capital expenditures for Stephen Olney School. Mr. Milazzo explained that there are no wall pads at the school and that they are going to be looking at all the schools for the same project.**

**Next, Ms. Leva spoke about the Building Committee meeting held last week and the report in the packets regarding the Property Use Fees. She reported that the Building Committee recommends approval of the Property Use Fees as submitted in the packets. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard to approve the Property Use Fees as recommended and submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **4. Kids Club.**

**Mr. Milazzo spoke about moving the Kids Club from Stephen Olney School to Whelan because there is so much more activity at Stephen**

**Olney School and Whelan has a much smaller student body. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva to approve the relocation of Kids Club as recommended by Mr. Milazzo. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **5. Approval of Resolution Re: 403(b) Plan.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan addressed the Resolution drafted by Legal Counsel to address the compliance with the IRS regulations and recommended approval of the Resolution. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall to approve the Resolution Re: 403(b) Plan as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **6. Discussion Re: Wage Range For Sub Custodians – Ms. Leva.**

**Ms. Leva spoke about the discussion at the Building Committee meeting regarding sub custodian salaries. She asked Mr. Milazzo to speak regarding the issue. Mr. Milazzo recommended that the rate for sub custodians be raised from \$10.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments regarding what other communities are doing. Mr. Milazzo spoke**



about the fact that the overtime for the custodians is outrageous. Members of the Committee expressed concern with the fact that the Committee did not approve any overtime for the custodians. A member of the Committee suggested that perhaps it is time to look into privatizing the services. Further discussion took place with respect to the number of custodians who are on sick leave and a fiscal impact study was suggested. Mr. Milazzo agreed to compile a fiscal impact study for the next meeting.

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

No requests were received.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **1. Bids.**

Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended that the bid for Medicaid Billing Services be awarded to Compuclaim for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 fiscal years. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the bid for Medicaid Billing Services be awarded to Compuclaim for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 fiscal years. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr.

**Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended that the bid for Guardrails and Posts at the Greystone Elementary School be awarded to United Fence. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the bid for Guardrails and Posts at the Greystone Elementary School be awarded to United Fence. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence, Layoff Rescissions and Appointments.**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the resignations, retirements, Leaves of Absence, Layoff Rescissions, and Appointments as presented. of Stephen Hird – Custodian – Stephen Olney Elementary School – 2nd shift Effective May 18, 2012, the retirement of Teresa Sousa – Teacher Assistant – Centredale Elementary School Effective May 29, 2012, and the Layoff Rescission of Gina Pollock – Teacher Assistant. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-07, -08, -09, -10 and -11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant**

**Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the resignation of Stephen Hird – Custodian – Stephen Olney Elementary School – 2nd shift Effective May 18, 2012 as submitted, the retirement of Teresa Sousa – Teacher Assistant – Centredale Elementary School Effective May 29, 2012, the leaves of absence requests for Debra Aurecchia – Teacher Assistant – Marieville Elementary School for Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective May 2, 2012 through May 11, 20-12, Louis Barbato – Custodian – 1st Shift – Marieville Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave Effective May 18, 2012 through June 13, 2012 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective June 13, 2012 through June 15, 2012, Cristina Brothers – Special Education Teacher – McGuire Elementary School Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective for the 2012/2013 School Year, Rachel Bryant – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective 2012/2013 School Year, Joseph Charette – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective May 24, 202 through June 8, 2012, Eleanor Lonardo – Crossing Guard – McGuire School Post – Fruit Hill Avenue and Smith Street for Paid FMLA Leave April 27, 2012 through May 21, 2012 and Unpaid FMLA Leave May 22, 2012 through June 12, 2012, Christen Magill – Assistant Principal – NPHS – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective May 8,2012 through June 12, 2012, Scott McNulty – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective April 10, 2012 through a date to be determined, Marilyn Mooney – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave – Effective May 16, 2012 through June 12, 2012, Karen Nerney – Self/Contained Special Education Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave**

Effective May 3, 2012 through a date to be determined, Rebecca Volpe, Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective May 3, 2012 through a date to be determined, and Mary Lou Wiese – Grade 1 Elementary Teacher – McGuire Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave Effective May 17, 2012 through May 24, 2012, the Layoff rescission of Gina Pollock – Teacher Assistant, and the Appointment of Nicole D'Ambra – Crossing Guard – Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Terry Street – Whelan Elementary School – Effective May 29, 2012. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business was presented.

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 12-05-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the

**approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Assistant Superintendent Ryan recommended approval of May 2012 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 12-05-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the May 2012 List of Bills in the amount of \$882,087.34. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-05-15. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the March 28, 2012 and April 25, 2012 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi,**

**aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 12-05-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2012 School Committee Meeting and April 25, 2012 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Public comments were received.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously**

**carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**